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Incident Management System (IMS) Testbed

Project Description:

The National Institute of Justice, in collaboration with the US Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Charleston and the District of Columbia's Emergency Management Agency, has established a testbed to assess IMS software. The IMS Testbed provides a virtual environment within which responder agencies, vendors, academia and other developers can cooperatively evaluate the performance of potential IMS solutions and develop an agreed to set of standards. In the near-term, the IMS Tested will enable public safety agencies to evaluate the performance of existing and developmental systems to allow them to make more informed procurement decisions. It will also provide vendors, academia and other developers a better understanding of agency needs, in the context of their practices and procedures. In the mid- to far-term, the Testbed will provide a uniform test environment in which IMS technologies can be assessed against a common set of standards, which collectively will serve to describe an end game vision for what an IMS system should be.

Status:

Preliminary evaluation criteria have been developed and nearly a dozen commercial products evaluated. In May 2002, an Incident Management symposium was held in Albuquerque, NM to better define requirements. The product evaluation results have been drafted. A report on the findings will be released before the end of 2002.

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